

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

June 9, 2010

The Borough Council met in an executive session at 7:30 p.m. and in a regular session at 8:00 p.m. at the William Reinl Recreation Center on the above date with President Short presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by President Short.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: H. Short; P. Brookes; T. Owen;
S. Coppola; J. Cosgrove; R. Baker

Council members absent: M. Xavier;

Officers present: J. Hopely, Mayor; G. Kaut, Secretary;
G. Sefflin, Solicitor

Officers absent: T. Quinn, Treasurer

MINUTES

On a motion made by P. Brookes seconded by S. Coppola minutes from the May 12, 2010, Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

No written correspondence tonight.

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

No verbal correspondence tonight.

President Short turned the meeting over to Mayor Hopely. Mayor Hopely asked Jeff Graham to come forward. Jeff Graham explained he has lived in the Borough for 36 years. Jeff works for Exelon Energy and is part of a committee who meets to discuss where we would like to donate some money. When Jeff became part of this committee and found out he could give away some of their money he thought of the Aldan Police Department. In talking with Chief Coppola asked about possibility getting some money for bullet proof vests for our officers. Mr. Graham presented Chief Coppola a check for \$500.00 for the Police Department to put toward bullet proof vests. Chief Coppola said on behalf of our Police Department, thank you very much and with what just happened in Upper Darby, where a police officer was just shot and was saved by his bullet proof vest, this was a very nice gesture from someone who has been a friend to the police department for a long time. Thank you again very much.

Mayor Hopely then asked Dan Procopio and Marie Pella to come forward as representatives of the 4th of July Association. Mayor Hopely read a Proclamation dedicating the Month of June as Aldan Fourth of July Association Month. We congratulate all the members of the Aldan Fourth of July Association for 31 years of outstanding service to the community and thank the association's volunteers, captains and collectors who help prepare for the event. Dan thanked the Mayor and Council members and all those who are members of the Association or collectors who help us. The parade is funded by the citizens directly, which include the parade activities and the prizes we give away. We do look forward to having a great Independence Day and remind everyone the celebration will take on July 3rd. Also please look for the collectors going door to door this month. Thank you very much.

Present Short commented on behalf of the Mayor and Council we wish Happy Birthday to Marie Pella.

Mayor Hopely wants to remind residents, to come to the Municipal Building and fill out a Vacation Form for the police to check you home while you are away.

Mayor Hopely also urges residents if you see anything suspicious in town please call the police immediately don't wait till the next day or when you see an officer. It does work because in a few months we will be recognizing Harry Short, Jr. who did see something suspicious and called the police and they arrested a person who had burglarized a residence in his neighborhood.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

MAYOR

Mayor Hopely gave his report earlier.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Sefflin reported he did receive documents from Mr. Park, our Tax Collector and with the next two weeks we will start our 2009 Tax Delinquents. Mr. Sefflin will report more on this next month after he looks over the documents.

Dan Procopio asked how many individuals are on the 2009 Tax Delinquent list at this time. Mr. Sefflin's response was 21 and this number is in the normal range.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on the Lobbs Run Phase I Project, the pipe has been manufactured and is scheduled to be delivered as early as next week. The contractor will be on site next week to televise and clean the lines and set up the by pass pumping. It looks like we are ready to go next week, weather permitting,

Mike Ceci asked what hours the contractor will be working. Some people have concerns about the effect on the pool hours. Mr. Close responded they will work during the week day hours from about 7:30 A M to dinner time. They will be setting up in the lower corner of the parking lot in a limited construction area to minimize any disruptions to the pool. They are very sensitive to the fact that the pool will be open. Our construction supervisor will be in coordination with the pool manager. They will exchange phone numbers so if there are any complaints or questions will be right there to make sure it is taken care of. Mike asked how long you expect the project to take. Mr. Close explained it is 120 day construction time but if all goes well we hope it will be less than 2 months or better. There is a little bit of unknowns when you are pulling a new pipe through an old pipe so there may be some glitches. If all goes well it could be as little as a month but we are counting on about 2 months from start to finish.

TREASURER

President Short read the Treasurer's Report:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>State Highway Fund</u>
Balance of cash on hand	\$ 844,702.49	\$ 45,877.03
Receipts for period	\$ 269,168.92	\$
Interest		7.26
Expenditures Prior Month	\$ 120,534.30	\$ 7,455.28
Balance	\$ 993,337.57	\$ 38,429.01

President Short asked Council's approval this evening for checks from the General Fund totaling \$120,534.30 and checks from the State Highway Fund for \$7,455.28. Councilwomen Owen made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and authorize her to release the checks as indicated on the bills list, seconded by Councilmen Baker and unanimously approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PLANNING COMMISSION

Anthony Tartaglia had nothing new to report for the Planning Commission tonight.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Councilwoman Brookes will report for the Historical Commission during her regular report.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilwoman Owen reported on a hot topic for her committee which is the trash collection from Memorial Day. As reported at the May Meeting the transfer station announced they would be open during all holidays this summer. This is the first time this has occurred. Our hauler used this opportunity to maintain his regular schedule he had with each of the Boroughs he has collections with on Mondays. This was reported last month and also on the LED sign outside the Municipal Building but only about half of the Borough put their trash out for collection and the haulers went through the Borough like lightning on Monday morning. As a result there were calls, questions, and comments from residents so on Tuesday morning Councilwoman Owen called the hauler and was one of several Boroughs to let him know how badly this went. The hauler was already prepared to make a change in his decision and going forward we will return to our regular holiday trash collection schedule. For our next holiday there will be no collection on Monday, July 5th collection will be on Tuesday, July 6th and the same for Labor Day.

The Board of Health met on Monday. Every quarter there is a County wide Local Board of Health meeting and this meeting was held a few ago. There are representatives from the state who come to make their quarterly or annual report. A topic of that meeting is the West Nile Surveillance. The State is going to continue with West Nile Surveillance in partnership with the Penn State Cooperative Extension program. The spraying will be done again by the Department of Environmental Protection but do to the budget cuts areas that are found to have large volumes of positive mosquito sampling will be the areas that will be sprayed.

The next Board of Health meeting will be a week later on Monday, July 12th because of the holiday.

Councilwoman Owen reported some good news for our Recycling Grant application we submitted in September. For the 571 tons of residential and commercial recyclables all totals submitted were accepted despite stricter regulations and additional documentation that was requested after the initial review of the grant we received a check in the amount of \$5,739.00. This is also the highest amount we have received in four years.

Dan Procopio asked if the Recycling Grant was for 2008. Councilwoman Owen responded yes.

HIGHWAY

Councilmen Cosgrove reported on an up date to the snow reimbursement process. The papers have been generated, the costs have been accrued, and I have had 2 meeting with the necessary representatives. A representative from FEMA to give us our copies and have us sign and FEMA sign the paperwork. From the Federal standpoint the paperwork has been approved. From here on the money will be sent by the Federal Government to the state and the state through PEMA will deposit our amount of money in our checking account and that could take 2 to 3 months. As mentioned previously we intend to use that money, in the amount of about \$16,300.00, for road repairs we have put off especially intersection repairs and any additional pot holes.

Dan Procopio asked about Magnolia Avenue between Linden Avenue and Springfield Road. Half of the street was paved and there was a previous discussion with Aqua as to the repairs. Also what is the status on the rest of the repairs they had done last year and what is the schedule to repave the sections they have done? Councilmen Cosgrove explained along with our Inspector, Anthony Tartaglia, we did walk that area they did and it was determined the length of street from Springfield Road to Linden Avenue was in much worse shape as far as sinking than Linden Avenue to Glenwood Avenue. They came with a good offer they would do half the street for less than \$5,000.00 which was a great price, so we agreed to that section. The second half where the sinking is not so much they want to tie that in with the other repairs they are doing in town. We will walk that again along with all the other areas that are to be resealed or repaved. They repaved what they did because not only the trench but all the cuts in the street, it was determined that was the reasonable thing to do. What is coming next is yet to be determined. As of last week they have not issued a contract for anyone to do the work. Dan noticed the street had been marked up. Councilmen Cosgrove explained that was marked by Aqua not a contractor. The Councilmen asked about the chalk on the street and they explained that was an Aqua guy did that trying to get the scope of work and then get a contractor to do the work. It was not the contractor in preparation doing the work but Aqua in preparation of outlining the scope of the work. Dan's interest is because of the Parade route has been dug up and should have been done by the end of May but it does not look like it will be done before July 4th.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilmen Coppola reported we received award notification for Phase II of Lobbs Run Interceptor from the County in the amount of \$275,000.00. This is official so we can go ahead with the planning and the work to be done in Phase II. Councilmen Coppola thanked everyone on Council who has worked on this and thank you to Delaware County Council for their work. President Short commented this will change the whole line by the time we get done. The Councilmen explained, this is a lot of work we are getting done for a very reasonable amount and saving the Borough a lot of money. President Short said this is about the hardest area in town to do a repair because of the access to the work. Also in the notification was this not only benefited Aldan but also Clifton Heights and Upper Darby. This was great news we are able to get this done and thank you to everyone who work on this, County Council; P J has done a great job; and the Mayor thanked Councilmen Coppola for a great job he also has done.

Mike Ceci asked does this take all the sewage out of Aldan or is there another place. Councilmen Coppola explained there are other areas like the lower side of town flows down through Collingdale. Our flow into Lobbs Run is only 20 or 25%; the rest of the flow is coming down from Clifton Heights and Upper Darby.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Councilwoman Brookes reported for the Historical Commission. Memorial Park was landscaped a few weeks back and looked great in time for the Memorial Day Service.

Councilwoman Brookes reported on the Fire Marshal's report for the month of May. Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 7 calls in the Borough during the month of May, 2010. One of the calls from 114 Beech Avenue was the building fire came in with entrapment. Upon arrival of the Fire Dept and Police a 78 year old W/F was found inside and was critically injured.

She was transported by EMS to Crozer Chester Medical Center Burn Unit where at last report; she was still in critical condition. Damages are not known yet and hope to have a total by next month. During the month of May, 2010 Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 30 calls in the Borough of Aldan. President Short commented the fire on Beech Avenue was started by an electric heating pad.

ADMINISTRATIVE and BUILDINGS

Councilmen Baker had nothing new to report tonight.

FINANCE

Councilmen Xavier was not at the meeting tonight he got held up at work at the last minute so we have not report from the Councilmen tonight.

LAW, ORDINANCE & BUILDING

President Short reported for the month of May we had 42 Building Permits issued with a construction value of \$112,962.00; there were 64 Mid-Term/Transfer Inspections; and 1 Plumbing Permit issued with a construction value of \$4,900.00.

Dan Procopio asked about Finance and if the Borough has gotten a loan to replenish for the purchase of the Swim Club Property. President Short responded no at this time we have not but Councilmen Xavier is still in negotiations with two institutions and we are looking at what the terms of the loans would be and we will then report our findings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business this month.

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building at 7:30 P.M.; and Council will meet on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. in an executive session and regular session at 8:00 P.M. at the William Reinl Recreation Center.

PRIVELIGE OF THE FLOOR

Dan Procopio asked about sidewalk inspections and heard they were no longer being done by a Council person is that correct. President Short responded that is correct, this will be done by the Code Department and that should start within the next two weeks. Dan asked if there was a reason for the change.

President Short said it will be a lot more efficient being done by the Code Department, who are available all day as opposed to the responsibility going to a Council person who has a regular job during the day time and be doing this in spare time. We thought it would be more efficient and the work would get done much easier doing it this way.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwomen Brookes seconded by Councilmen Coppola and unanimously, approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

ATTEST

MARIE V. KAUT
Borough Secretary